

U-BOATS BEATEN BY U-S BUILDERS

Shipyards Now Finishing New Craft Faster Than Germans Are Sinking Vessels

Washington.—American shipyards are rapidly cutting down the U-boat lead. The April production of submarines, announced in an admiralty dispatch from London, shows a decrease of 25 per cent. when compared with earlier figures. Even at the rate of output set last week the United States now is launching more ships each month than the undersea terrors are able to destroy.

According to the British government's report, the total loss of shipping in April due to the U-boat warfare was 365,192 tons. This is more than a third of the total U-boat score for April. And this addition of 100,000 tons to the world's shipping was accomplished in one-fourth the time Germany required to destroy 305,000 tons.

These figures are extremely significant in view of the fact that the country is only just at the beginning of quantity ship production. Some of the biggest yards in the country have not even reached the preliminary stage of production. Hog Island, for example, when it reaches its full capacity, is expected to turn out almost as many U-boats each month as the German submarines destroyed in April.

Ahead of the Prediction If the U-boat records do not show an increase this month and next from the April figures, it is safe to say that the United States, without regard to British or other production, will be able to discount the submarine losses and begin piling up a tonnage total on the right side of the ledger.

The Shipping Board made the prediction several months ago that a balance between U-boat destruction and American construction of tonnage would be reached between August 1, and that thereafter the United States would steadily forge ahead and begin to make good the loss in world shipping due to submarine warfare since the beginning of the war. The drop of 25 per cent. in U-boat destruction and the swift increase in American production rates indicates that the Shipping Board estimate was entirely too conservative.

It must not be forgotten that Great Britain also is speeding up ship construction and restoration. The United States government still presents output of new British ships in the absence of these records it is interesting to note that the English shipping repair yards are now restoring to service more than 500,000 gross tons a week. A total of 5,307 vessels, representing a gross tonnage of 16,105,000, were repaired and restored to service between August 3, 1917, and April 25, 1918.

In the face of these facts, backed by the positive assertions of the British government, it is not surprising that Zebrugge have been bottled up, there is every reason to believe that this country and her allies are now producing ship tonnage at a rate that defies the present destructive powers of the German U-boats.

Navy Does Good Work, Too. Offensive operations against German submarines are producing good results, said Acting Secretary Roosevelt, of the Navy, and he added that while it would be desirable to have control of the U-boats are not still to be regarded as a menace, the outlook is hopeful. He reiterated the opinion held by the Navy Department that what already has been accomplished should serve merely to increase the vigor of the submarine and the effort to turn out rapidly additional destroyers and other craft for anti-submarine work.

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ALL MEN OF DRAFT AGE MUST GET JOBS OR FIGHT

[Continued From Page 1.] ed before the board, given a chance to explain and, in the absence of a satisfactory explanation, to be inducted into the military service of the United States.

"Any local board will be authorized to take action whether it has or not, in other words, any man loafing around a poolroom in Chicago, may be held answerable for his idleness though he may have registered in New York and lived there most of his life.

Gambler Head List The regulations which apply to idle registrants will be deemed to apply also to gamblers of all descriptions and employes and attendants of bucketshops and race tracks, fortune tellers, clairvoyants, palmists and the like, who for the purpose of the regulations shall be considered as idlers.

"The new regulation will also affect the following classes: "(a) Persons engaged in the serving of food and drink, or either, in public places, including hotels and hotel clubs.

"(b) Passengers, elevator operators, attendants, doormen, footmen and other attendants of clubs, hotels, stores, apartment houses, office buildings and banks.

"(c) Persons, including ushers and other attendants engaged in games, sports and amusements, except actual performers in legitimate concerts, operas or theatricals.

"(d) Persons employed in domestic service.

"(e) Sales clerks and other clerks in stores and other mercantile establishments.

Later Order Numbers Useless "Men who are engaged as laborers or who are idlers, will be notified that they have drawn a later order number, or because they have been placed in a dependency. The fact that he is not usefully employed will outweigh both of the above conditions.

It is expected that the list of non-useful occupations will be extended from time to time as necessity will require so as to include persons in temporary absences from regular employment not to exceed one week, unless such temporary absences are habitually and frequently considered as absences in this connection.

The regulation throws a further safeguard around men not usefully employed, by providing that where there are compelling domestic circumstances that would prevent the change of employment by the registrant without disproportionate hardship to his dependents, or where a change from non-useful to useful employment or occupation would necessitate a removal of the registrant or his family, local boards may give consideration to the circumstances. The regulation further provides that where such a change of employment would compel the night employment of women under circumstances which a board might deem not suitable for employment of women, the board may take such circumstances into consideration in making its decision.

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"Steps to prohibit idleness and non-useful occupations will be welcomed by our people.

"We shall give the idlers and men not effectively employed the choice between military service and the army. Every man, in the draft age at least, must work or fight.

"This is not alone a war of military nature. It is a deadly contest of industries and mechanics. Germany must not be thought of as merely possessing an army, we must think of it as being an army in industry in which every factory and loom in the empire is a recognized part in a complete machine, running night and day at terrific speed.

"We must not think of ourselves the same sort of effective machine. Nation Must Be Effective "It is enough to ask what would happen if every man in the nation turned his hand to effective work. We must make ourselves effective. We must organize for the future. We must make good withdrawal for the army and immediately close up the ranks of industry behind the gap which an accelerating production of every useful thing in necessary means.

"How is this to be done? The answer is plain. The first step toward the solution of the difficulty is to prohibit engagement by absenteeism in the field of harmful employment, idleness or ineffectual employment, and thus induce and persuade the excess into useful fields.

Helps Army and Industry "The very situation we are now considering, however, offers great possibilities in improving the draft, as well as great possibilities for the composition of the labor situation by effective administration of the draft. Considering the selective service law, we have a principal case of assignment to the call to military service—exemption and the order numbers assigned by lot. The exemptions themselves fall into two conspicuous categories—dependency and industrial employment. One protects domestic relations the other the economic interest of the nation.

Between the two there are many hiatus, for it is demonstrably true that thousands, if not millions, of dependency exemptions have no effect of industrial deferment whatever.

"One of the unanswerable criticisms of the draft has been that it has not kept the great organization of local and district boards which has already accomplished a notable work may be relied upon to catch the spirit of the movement and sorely-needed manpower will soon be flowing into the fields of useful endeavor or into the other direction of military strength.

Baseball Players Affected Provost Marshal General Crowder's new "work or fight" regulations may require professional baseball players either to engage in some useful occupation or to join the army.

Baseball players, as well as jockeys, professional golfers and other professional sportsmen, General Crowder said today, will be affected by the regulations if strictly enforced. General Crowder said he did not desire to make specific rulings at this time and would make board even when cases come to him from local boards after July 1.

Theatrical Performers Exempted Theatrical performers were exempted from the regulations at the direction of Secretary of War Baker, who is said to feel that the people cannot do without all amusements in war time and that other amusements could be dispensed with more readily.

Will Prosecute Slackers Slackers who leave the country to escape the draft will be prosecuted under the selective service law and their return, Attorney General Gregory announced today.

HENRY C. TAYLOR DIES Tyrone, Pa., May 23.—Henry C. Taylor, one of the original settlers of this region, a veteran of the Civil War, died yesterday at the age of 75 years. He was a farmer all of his life, about four miles west of Tyrone. He was the father of thirteen children, nine of whom are living. Mr. Taylor was a member of Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers and served the entire four years of the Rebellion. His chief distinction in the war, besides being in the battle of Antietam and second Bull Run and the entire Wilderness Campaign and Grant's, was that he was one of the guard detailed over Jefferson Davis, the president of the Confederacy, after his capture.

HIGHSPIRE

Transfer exercises of the Highspire public schools will be held in the United Brethren Church Tuesday evening, May 28 at 8 o'clock. The program, follows: Invocation, the Rev. M. H. Wert; music, "Columbia's Song," Gabriel, class; address, Walter Steffelman; oration, "Liberty," Charles Hahn; recitation, "The American Flag," Isabel Coble; piano solo, "Always Good Natured," Giese, Kenneth Wilson; war time round table, All Ruth, Helen Hahn, Helen Mathias, Helen Bessel Wendal, Clarence Cover, Ray Bamberger, Harry Gintzer; vocal duet, "In Springtime," Newton, Alla Ruth, Charlotte Floyd; history of Highspire, Meade Ulrich; class reunion, composed by Myra Reeves, Mary Stoner, Clara Leedy, Clarence Shuler. Class reunion: Charlotte Floyd, Harry McKinney, Esther Kayler, Wilmer Sander, Helen Mathias, Charles Shank, Alla Ruth, John Thomson, Zenora Ulrich, Towson Thomson, Harold Fox, Russel Wendal; "We Welcome You," May Reeves (Sec. 1919); instrumental duet, "The Mill," Jensen, Thelma Figley, Verna Ebersole; address, the Rev. M. H. Wert; class history, Charlotte Floyd; presentation of certificate, W. B. Kayler; music, "The Happy Miller," Virgie Class; benediction, the Rev. E. L. Pee.

McAdoo About Ready to Announce Wage Increase Washington, May 23.—An announcement of a general wage increase for railway employees following in a general way the railroad wage commission's recommendations, but with many modifications, is imminent. It was learned last night that Director General McAdoo who has been studying the commission's report, will be ready to act within a few days.

Mob Storms Georgia Jail; Takes Negro Prisoner Away Cordelle, Ga., May 23.—A mob of four hundred men stormed the city jail here last night and seized "Jim" Cobb, a negro, accused of the murder near here to-day of Mrs. A. L. Simmons, a farmer's wife. Cobb, despite the protests of Sheriff Ward, was thrown into an automobile and started for the scene of the killing. Members of the mob followed in other machines.

CANT GET DAUGHTER An application by John Yentzer to prevent the custody of his six-year-old daughter, Margaret, who is living with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Yentzer, was refused yesterday by Judge McCarroll, who dismissed a habeas corpus action brought by the father.

MIDDLETOWN

The captains and lieutenants of the Red Cross Chapter met in the Red Cross room, Union and Mill streets, last evening and from the reports \$300 has been handed in. Robert Mapp, colored, was arrested on Tuesday evening at the Government reservation for being drunk and disorderly. He was placed in the guard house, but broke out and was recaptured by Chief T. V. Gardner. He was brought to town and placed in the local lockup and was given a hearing yesterday afternoon before Burgess S. B. Gingrich, who fined him \$20 and costs. In default of payment, the prisoner was committed to the county jail for thirty days.

The Rev. Floyd Appleton, of the St. Michael's Church, will preach to the Red Men's lodge on Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Irving Small, a deserter under the selective service law, was arrested by Chief of Police Houser yesterday at the Wells Brothers' Construction Co. plant, where he was employed. He was turned over to the military camp officers and word was sent to officials at Milwaukee, Wis.

A meeting of the School Board was held on Monday evening to act on the final averages of the pupils of the High School and grammar school. The class of twenty of the High School will hold their commencement exercises in the Realty Theater, Emaus street, this evening. Fifty-four pupils will be transferred from the grammar school to the High School at the next term.

90,000 Soldiers Sailed During 10 Days of May

Washington, May 23.—In a statement inserted in the House record yesterday Representative Caldwell, of the military committee, declared that during the first ten days of May 90,000 American soldiers were sent abroad, and said that after the expiration of one year from the arrival of the first shipment of troops would this country the United States would have 1,000,000 men in France equipped with the necessary arms and supplies.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL Liverpool, May 23.—John Shumaker, who underwent an operation several weeks ago for appendicitis at the Harrisburg City Hospital, is expected home to-day.

DEER GRAZING IN FIELD Liverpool, Pa., May 23.—Mrs. Charles Lindsay had the unexpected pleasure of seeing a beautiful large female deer grazing in her grain field near town yesterday. When the deer noticed her it ran to the mountains nearby. Last week a deer was seen on Mount Patrick and three were seen on the mountains near Buck's Valley.

LULL IN BATTLE IS CONTINUING

[Continued From First Page.] where there has been no heavy fighting in six weeks, the British and Germans are carrying out raids, evidently for the purpose of gaining information to their opponent's plans. North of Albert the Germans have been reported in an attempt to rush the British positions, but were defeated at Messin. Further north Field Marshal Haig's men continue their raids and have penetrated the enemy lines near Hebuterne as well as at other points southwest of Arras.

Lull Is Unbroken On the French front and on the American sectors, as on the British front, the lull is unbroken and even raiding has quieted down.

British airplanes are harassing seriously German airdromes and billets behind the lines in Flanders and Picardy. The Germans are seeking unavailingly to check the British and in aerial fighting Tuesday eighteen enemy machines, sixteen of which were destroyed, were accounted for by the British. At night the enemy raiding behind the British lines and two of his machines were brought down by gunfire Tuesday.

Far to the rear of the German lines, British bombing squadrons have visited eastern Belgium and the river Rhine. Three fires resulted from bombs dropped on a chloride factory at Mannheim and large conflagrations were started in railway stations.

Northwest of Toul American aviators are busily engaged but although they took part in several aerial combats Wednesday, no more enemy machines have been brought down. Fighting continues in the mountains in northern Italy with the Italian and British troops.

Along the Piave the artillery firing has increased.

SERMON TO CLASS Newville, Pa., May 23.—The baccalaureate sermon to the graduates of the Newville High school was preached on Sunday evening by the Rev. F. T. Wheeler, pastor of the Big Spring Presbyterian Church. The graduates are: Margaret James, Grace Weaver, Helen Metzger, Mary Wheeler, Scouler Tritt, Paul Prosser, Walter Sweyer and Ray Greeger. Scouler Tritt took first honor and Margaret James second. Commencement exercises will be held in the High school auditorium this evening. The annual alumni banquet will be held to-morrow evening.

LANCASTER COUNTY DEATHS Marietta, Pa., May 23.—Mrs. Isaac Shelby, aged 75, died at Sporting Hill, on Tuesday, after a long illness. She was a member of the Mennonite Church and the last of the original members of the Kinder section. Her husband, one son, and a number of brothers and sisters survive.

Mrs. Mary Sulzberger, aged 77, died from complications of disease on Tuesday. She was a member of the Church of the Brethren. Several children survive.

Another Member Telegraph Family Reaches War Zone



LIEUT. CHAS. W. THOMAS

Another member of the Telegraph family who has reached the theater of war in France is First Lieutenant Charles W. Thomas, for many years an employe in and foreman of the Telegraph composing room. Word reached his family and friends this week of the arrival of his regiment on foreign soil.

Lieutenant Thomas received his early military training at Scotland Soldiers' Orphan School, his father having been a Civil War veteran. As soon as the son reached the required age he enlisted in Company I of the old Eighth Regiment, National Guard, with Mrs. Thomas and the above cut was made from a photograph taken when he was first sergeant of the company when it went to the Mexican border in 1916.

While in that service at El Paso, Texas, he was promoted to second lieutenant and later to first lieutenant. He is now an officer of Company I, One Hundred and Twelfth Regiment, which was made at Camp Hancock last summer by the combination of the Eighth and Sixteenth Regiments of the Pennsylvania National Guard after entry into Federal service. The regiment is in the Twenty-eighth Division (now known as the Keystone Division) of the United States Army.

While at Camp Hancock Lieutenant Thomas was sent to the Army School of Fire at Fort Sill, Okla., for instruction in machine gun and rifle practice, and on his way back to Georgia in April spent a ten-day furlough with Mrs. Thomas and his young son, Charles Thomas, Jr., at his home here.

CIVILIAN SERVICE IN CUMBERLAND

Series of Meetings This Week Under Auspices of Public Safety Committee

Carlisle, Pa., May 23.—Meetings will be held in every divisional center in Cumberland county this week in the interest of the plan of the recently reorganized Department of Civilian Service and Labor of the Cumberland County Public Safety Committee to aid in meeting the farm labor problem. A big meeting was held here last evening, attended by leading manufacturers and employers of labor.

The county has been divided into five districts. Each of these has a chairman, a member of the executive committee and township managers will be named for every division. The new divisions are: Shippensburg—J. E. Reisner, chairman; Southampton, Hopewell, Upper Mifflin and Newton township, south of the Pike.

Newville—W. H. McCrae, chairman; Newton, north of the Pike, Lower Mifflin, Frankford, West Pennsboro and Penn.

Carlisle—W. H. Goodyear, chairman; North Middleton, Dickinson, South Middleton, Monroe, west of an imaginary line from Locust Point to Brantsville.

Mechanicsburg—M. E. Dick, chairman; Monroe, east of imaginary line, Silver Spring, Hampden, Upper Allen.

Camp Hill—E. N. Cooper, chairman; East Pennsboro, Lower Allen.

WAR CHEST FUND GROWING Carlisle, Pa., May 23.—Marked by a number of new features, the campaign for the Patriotic and Benevolent fund of Carlisle, as the war chest activity here is known, is proceeding well and about one-fourth of the quota of \$50,000 has been secured.

BLAIN MAN AMONG KILLED Blain, Pa., May 23.—Pittsburgh papers print the name of H. E. Dunkleberger as being among those killed in the explosion at Oakdale last Saturday. Mrs. Dunkleberger and family live here. Mrs. Dunkleberger, accompanied by Postmaster D. P. Stokes, left yesterday for Oakdale.

Mr. Dunkleberger has been employed in the Aetna chemical plant at Oakdale for over two years.

BARN AND CONTENTS BURNED Marietta, Pa., May 23.—During a storm last night on the Stoner farm, a large barn and contents was totally destroyed, being struck by lightning. Only a part of the machinery and livestock was saved. The loss will be several thousand dollars.

ASKS THAT FARMERS BE EXCUSED FROM JURY DUTY

Appealing to Judges of Common Pleas courts in the state, Edgar C. Felton, United States director of Employment for Pennsylvania, has asked that all farmers be excused from jury duty so far as possible. It is said that in the different counties about 300 farmers are empaneled for jury service, some of them being called to court sessions to be held during the next month, and just when the planting season is requiring much of their time.

In Dauphin county there are about a dozen jurors called for the June session of Criminal Court, beginning June 10, who are engaged in farm work. There will be two murder trials listed for this session, it was said.

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